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RESPONSE TO THIRD OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated June 5, 2006. This response is being filed within the shortened statutory period set by the Office Action. This response is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. Claims 2 and 8 have been amended to independent form.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Specification** are found on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

A check for \$1190 is being filed with this response to cover the fee for a Request for Continued Examination and the addition of two independent claims. Please charge any additional fee associated with this response, and credit any overpayment, to deposit account 50-2719.

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